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Resistant Strains of Bacteria

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.